

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD
DARIEN, CONNECTICUT
Tuesday, June 15, 2010
Minutes

Present: Lawrence, Green, Hughes, Macdonald, Brown, Castell, Groppa
Staff: Keating

1. ARB #11-2010
AFA William Raveis
1063 Boston Post Rd. CBD Zone
Proposing awnings with signage

Not present.

2. ARB #21-2010
Baywater Properties for Chunky Pam's, 1096 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
Proposing awning with signage

Clifton Benham, owner of Chunky Pam's, proposed a revised awning design, of magenta color to match dog collar in logo, "sweet shoppe" letters to be 12"x18" and logo of 18". The letters are non-conforming and the owner will go to ZBA. The front, brick façade will be painted pink, Benjamin Moore rhododendron. The ARB suggested putting "sweet shoppe" all on one line and reducing the logo size.

3. ARB #23-2010
Baywater Properties 1094 BPR LLC, 1094 Boston Post Road, CBD Zone
Proposing awning with signage for Beads Boutique

Susan England showed a design for two barrel-shaped striped awnings of lime green and off white alternating stripes of 8". The black letters on the valance are under 10"; the z has glitter and the i has a turquoise dot. The building façade will be painted Benjamin Moore soot. Approved.

4. ARB #25-2010
Joseph A Bank, 1077 Boston Post Rd.
Proposed front vestibule under existing marquee structure

Steven Gallant, VP of Facilities Development for Joseph A Bank, proposed a reconfigured entrance to the old movie theatre building by creating a glass box entrance framed in complimentary wood moldings, under the existing marquee. Instead of a new structure, the ARB suggested new flat panel signs to be suspended from each of the 3 sides of the marquee, as is found at the Goodwives Shopping Center. Mr. Gallant will come back to the Board.

5. ARB #26-2010
Connecticut Property Management, 682 Boston Post Rd., DB-12 Zone
Proposing a pole sign

Graham Foster for CT Property Management proposed a 6" square pole, a mahogany sign 3'x 2' with white carved letters of 3 ½", background of hunter green, a hanging street number and two ground lights. Approved.

6. ARB #27-2010

William Raveis Real Estate, 22 Old Kings Highway South, CBD Zone

Proposing additions to the structure, changes to the building facades, walkways landscape and new signage

Wilder Gleason, Loren Meyer, architect, and Christine Stark, office manager, explained the modern addition that Raveis would like to build on the parking lot side of the historic Old Kings Highway Building. The owner wishes to create new frontage on the Center Street parking lot in order to attract customers to park and enter: a gable front addition to the left of the new entrance, with a one story space to the right of the entrance and a balcony above. There will be one continuous 2 story glass box window on the Center Street side, with aluminum frame painted white. Second story windows on the parking lot side will have charcoal gray frames, and the roof on the new structure will be a standing seam metal roof, also in charcoal gray. The Board did not find the glass box window on Center Street to be attractive. Signage is overly large and requires a variance.

7. ARB #28-2010

Planet Pizza, 874 Boston Post Rd.

Proposing outdoor seating

Not present. No action.

8. ARB #29-2010

VAS Construction, Inc., 20 Old Kings Highway South, CBD Zone

Proposing a hanging sign

Applicant not present. Approved.

9. ARB #30-2010

Wells Fargo Bank, 950 Boston Post Rd.

Proposing two wall signs and a hanging sign.

Sean Desjardins from NW Sign Industries proposed replacing the existing hanging sign , using the same bracket, replacing the wall sign over the front door, and removing the corner wall sign. In the back the sign will be placed between the two upper windows, pin letters only. The signs are red with translucent yellow vinyl letters. The drive up teller window will have a new dark red awning with no lettering. Approved.

10. ARB #31-2010

Wells Fargo Bank, 310 Heights Rd.

Proposing two wall signs.

Sean Desjardins from NW Sign Industries proposed replacing the two existing signs with yellow pin letters on the parking lot side and the front street side. The front sign will be relocated to the second floor, between the first two windows. Directional signs will be brown with white lettering and left justified rather than centered. Approved.

11. Approval of minutes – May 18, 2010 Regular Meeting

Respectively submitted,

Judy Groppa
Secretary Pro-Temp